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Why female corporators' spouses stand in and do the needful even as more seats are reserved for women in the new city council

WOMEN OF FEW WORDS

Ward-wise reservation for women to benefit BJP, says Cong

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There has been no dearth of women getting elected to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) council. Female corporators outnumbered male corporators in the last council — there were more than 100 women in the council.

More women are expected to get elected to the council from reserved as well as general wards in the forthcoming elections.

However, the curious thing about women corporators is that the majority of them depend on their husbands even to attend their mobile phones.

Oftentimes they have failed to discharge their duties — in taking decisions regarding critical developmental works in their respective wards or even attending BBMP council meetings once or twice a month.

One can imagine their helplessness when they depute their husbands to attend meetings convened by the respective joint commissioners of the BBMP.

Bangalore Mirror had reported – What's the big deal, ask corporators' hubbies – on December 15, 2018, narrating how Ishtiaq, the husband of Shivajinagar ward corporator Fareeda, attended the meeting convened by the then joint commissioner. It is alleged that Ishtiaq shot a few questions at the joint commissioner about the developmental works in Shivajinagar. Ishtiaq not only attended phone calls meant for Fareeda but also supervised the developmental works of the BBMP.

According to Mohan Dasari, president, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Bengaluru, both political parties, the BJP and Congress, have turned the 50% reservation for women — which was

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Corporators during the last council meeting of BBMP

"We are not against reservation for women... the number should be equally distributed among all assembly constituencies..." – DK Shivakumar, president, KPCC

My Dear Landlord,

If Model Tenancy Act is adopted, one could only collect advance rent of two months as security deposit

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Bengalureans are often left outraged due to landlords demanding unaffordable amounts of money as security deposit for renting apartments and houses in the city. They have been demanding that the Model Tenancy Act 2021 be adopted soon in the state.

"Before moving to Bengaluru I had heard there is a high deposit for renting flats. I was still shocked when I came here. Landlords were asking Rs 1.8 lakh or Rs 1 lakh minimum for a 2 BHK apartment. I am just starting out and cannot afford to pay that much money. It is just crazy how there is no regulation of any kind," said Prashanth A, a resident of JP Nagar.

"The landlords say they have always been taking 11 months of rent as a deposit and will not even negotiate it… And even though they promise to return the entire amount at the end of the rental period, they deduct some amount in the name of damages and maintenance. It is basically daylight robbery," he added.

If the Model Tenancy Act 2021 is adopted in Karnataka, landlords will only be allowed to collect advance rent of two months as the security deposit, whereas currently, they collect 5-10 months of rent in advance.

The act was approved by the central government in June 2021, and it was left up to the states to adopt it. Though it was said

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Melodies that unite

The Kalā Premi Foundation is an organisation devoted to promoting awareness and appreciation of art, literature and culture. It regularly holds concerts, lecture demonstrations, talks, workshops, etc., which promote this objective. On August, 15, the foundation will present 'Triraga – ragas and harmony' – music to mirror the coming together of the colours of Tiranga.
Where: The Seva Sadan Auditorium, Malleswaram
When: Aug 15, 6.30 pm

02 Classic tunes and more

Alan Rego, one of Bangalore's best-known musicians, has been singing professionally for over 40 years. His soothing voice, driving rhythms and huge repertoire will ensure you have an unforgettable evening. Back by popular demand, he will be performing for "Friday Night Unplugged @ Urban Solace".
Where: Urban Solace, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road
When: Aug 12, 7 pm–9 pm
Contact: 9845013055, 9945022177

03 Evening harmony

Take a break from the stress and monotony of work by attending a beautiful musical evening at Lahe Lahe. The session will have musical aficionados come and jam together and form a community of like-minded musical souls. What's more, you can even tune out a few songs of yourself too! **Where: Lahe Lahe, HAL 2nd stage, Indiranagar; When: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm; Tickets: 9886294444**

When exam results cast pall of doubt and gloom

This year's PU revaluation results has thrown up some surprises and students & parents say there are question marks over evaluation system

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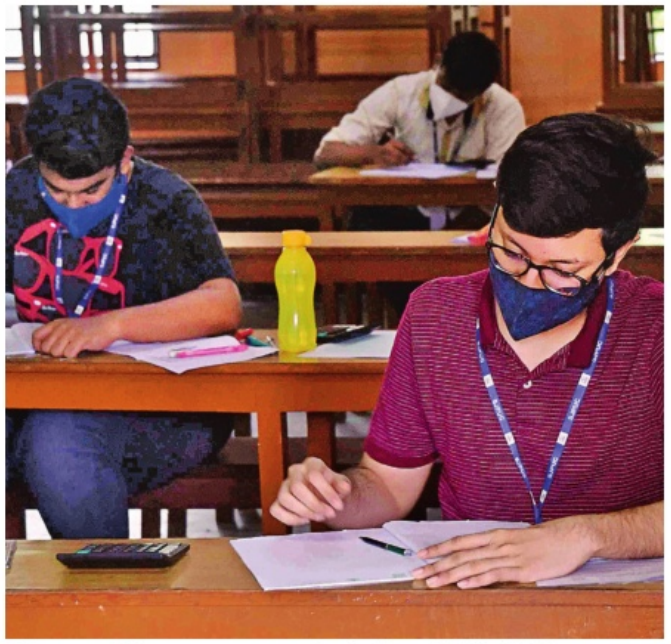
It is a student's worst nightmare. Applying for a revaluation in an exam to be eligible for a scholarship, only to run from pillar to post to get the department's approval.

Such stories are not uncommon in the state. This time, it is a II PU student and her family who have been going through this ordeal. Balappa K, a resident of Athani and the student's father, said that he had been visiting Bengaluru to get his daughter's marks updated. He said that as per the PU marks card, his daughter had scored 84 marks in Sociology and 78 in Kannada. Her II PU percentage was 88 per cent.

Not satisfied with the marks, she then applied for a revaluation. The revaluation results showed that her Sociology marks had gone up by six and Kannada marks had increased by 20 (now 98). Now, the percentage has increased to 92.6 per cent.

It all came down to her getting a scholarship or not, he said. "My daughter wants to continue her studies and it can be done only with a scholarship. She wanted to apply for Pratibha Puraskar scholarship for the children of Karnataka State Government employees. The last date for applying was July 31. However, we could not get the updated marks list from the PU department. So, we requested the association members to extend the last date by a few days hoping that the marks will be updated by then. Now, we have been making rounds to the PU department and requesting officials but nothing has been done so far," he lamented.



This year, PU exams were conducted in a full-fledged manner, like pre-covid times (file image)

Errors galore

After an all-pass exam last year, this year's II PU exams were conducted in a full-fledged way. However, the revaluation results are a can of worms revealing the poor quality of evaluation. As per statistics, 479 students who had applied for revaluation got less marks than previously. However, for 532 candidates, they have received more marks which is a clear indication of poor evaluation. Primary and secondary education minister BC Nagesh has warned of stringent action against erring evaluators.

Failed, then passed

Many students who had failed earlier have now passed the exam, thanks to the revaluation. According to the data, a female student got 41 marks in Hindi. Unhappy with her score, she applied for revaluation and she was pleasantly surprised as she got an additional 49 marks thereby taking her total marks in Hindi to 90! Similarly, another student who had scored 53 in accountancy got 43 additional marks to take his Accountancy paper marks to 95. There have been many more such stories.

> **"It's high time the teachers take their job seriously and conduct a proper evaluation**
> – Suresh S, a student

Erring evaluators

Suresh S, a student, said, "As these exams are quite competitive, every mark counts. Imagine e the psyche of the student who was told that s/he had failed in the exam. Though the student might have had confidence of scoring well, the pressure will always be there when a student gets his/her evaluation score. It is high time teachers take the job seriously and do justice by conducting a proper evaluation."

Sanketh R, a parent, also spoke on similar lines. He said that while it was understandable if the errors in evaluation were for a mark or two, it was a mystery how evaluators could miss 40 to 50 marks.

"Only this kind of evaluation will help the PU department find the right evaluators so that these kinds of mistakes are not repeated in future."

A peek into festivals of India, in German

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The Goethe Institute Max Müller Bhavan in Indiranagar on July 31 held a book launch by a 17-year-old author, Ameya Kakade. The book, Die Odyssee Nach Indien – Indische Feste, provides a glimpse into some of the prominent festivals celebrated in India which add to our largely unique cultural fabric.

Ameya is a Grade 12 student at The International School Bangalore (TISB), and his book in German is one-of-a-kind. It showcases the culture, traditions, and the mythological stories associated with the many Indian festivals. The book provides a background into some of the prominent festivals like Ganesh Chaturthi, Diwali, Dussehra, Holi, and a few harvest festivals, and is aimed towards fostering the intercultural exchange between Germany and India.

The book was launched by Anna Kuhnt, the deputy director of the Goethe Institute Bengaluru in the presence of Puneet Kaur, the Head of Educational Cooperation at the Goethe Institute in Delhi. The event was also graced by Chander Baljee, the chairman and managing director of The Royal Orchid Group of Hotels, and Marione Heinicke Sinha representing the Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India.

Ameya Kakade (left), at his book launch at Goethe Institute Max Müller Bhavan, Indiranagar

According to the young author, his motivation to write this book was to use his knowledge of the German language to spread his culture to the German audience abroad to promote the interculturalism between the two nations. Die Odyssee Nach Indien – Indische Feste published and distributed by Goyal Publishers, New Delhi is now available on Amazon and Flipkart.

Monkey business? You have to just deal with it, for now

Palike says it does not have resources in place yet to effectively rescue and translocate monkeys from city even as several wildlife activists are against idea

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If you've lived in the city long enough, monkey problem will not be a new one to you. But chances are slim that any solution will be reached by the authorities as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) -- which was supposed to set up a system to effectively address this issue -- does not have the resources to do so.

The BBMP is expected to ensure scientific rescue of the animals without causing them harm during relocation. For the uninformed, the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) states that current practice of using the skills of the traditional knowledge/skill holders in capturing monkeys shall be continued till the department builds up capacity with alternative scientific techniques. It has also stated that the capturing process should be carried out using walk-in trap cages or nets. The decision on the type of equipment to be used for capture will depend on local conditions and the expertise available with the capturing team.

However, the BBMP Forest Department does not have the manpower or expertise to capture monkeys in the city. The BBMP merely washed off its hands by merely transferring phone calls to the Bengaluru Urban Forest Department. "We do not have the manpower to capture and release monkeys. We are also not authorised to catch monkeys as they come under 'wild animals' category," said BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forests.

A monkey scoops up ice-cream at Cubbon Park (file image)

> **"Translocation of monkeys will not solve the problem. BBMP should develop more parks with fruit-bearing trees for their benefit**
>
> – Colonel (Dr) Nawaz Shariff, People for Animals Wild Life Conservation Centre

However, Bengaluru Urban Deputy Conservator of Forests said that capturing monkeys within the city limits was the responsibility of the BBMP. "They can refer or forward applications received from the public seeking to capture monkeys to us. We give permission to the BBMP to capture monkeys only after completing spot verification," said the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Conservator of Forests.

He said that around 50 applications are received per year from the public on monkey menace. "Majority of applications are from residential apartments in Bengaluru South and North," he said.

Animal rights activists are not happy. They oppose translocation of monkeys from Bengaluru as it would affect them. "BBMP has neither the expertise nor the authority to shift monkeys from the city to other places. Monkeys are known for living in groups. If some monkeys are separated from their group, they will become more vicious," said Maneka Gandhi, BJP MP from Sultanpur and animal rights activist.

According to Arun Prasad, an animal rights activist, there are clear Supreme Court orders that territorial and pack animals that live in human habitation should not be relocated.

"We will file objections regarding the Monkey Relocation SOP with the Chief Wildlife Warden of Karnataka so that man animal conflicts are resolved amicably without any cruelty to animals by making necessary changes in the SOP," said Prasad. Colonel (Dr) Nawaz Shariff of People for Animals Wild Life Conservation Centre said that the authorities concerned, including the BBMP authorities, should try to address the root cause for monkey menace in the city.

Translocation of monkeys will not solve the problem. BBMP should develop more parks with fruit-bearing trees for the benefit of monkeys. There should be a facility to make fruits and vegetables available for monkeys, he said.

Back in August 2021, the Karnataka High Court had directed the state government in the presence of Chief Wildlife Warden of Forest Department and the BBMP to come up with a system. However, the authorities concerned have not been able to do so after almost a year for reasons best known to them.

The SOP for capture and release of monkeys by the Forest Department, BBMP, and urban local bodies was prepared on August 8 under the guidance of Vijaykumar Gogi, the supervision of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden Karnataka and Chairman of Expert Committee on monkey-related conflicts.

Foreigner shelter row: 'We need a better system'

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A Bengaluru NGO has alleged that police officials are allowing foreign nationals with expired visas and passports to stay in shelter homes instead of detention centres, as is protocol. The NGO adds that due to this, the detention centre with an estimated maximum capacity to hold 50 men is now overwhelmed.

The issue surfaced when 10 foreign nationals escaped from NGO New Ark Mission of India (Home of Hope) leading to police officials starting a manhunt for them. Seven Bangladeshi men and three Ugandan women escaped the facility on July 19 and July 27 respectively.

Founder of the shelter home, Auto Raja, said that police officials should 'keep these people in a remand home or government facility for women'. Police officials are leaving foreign nationals at our facility time and again. We are already overburdened with taking care of 800 destitute. Foreigners come to our country, reside in ashrams and later end up on the streets. Police officials say that it becomes difficult to manage them at the detention centre. Officials need to provide us more support to manage such people," he added.

"We had 14 female foreign nationals out of which 9 have been sent back," said a member of the NGO.

The NGO filed a complaint within Kothanur Police Station limits.

According to Kothanur police station officials, the Bangladeshi men jumped from the second floor and the Ugandan women escaped from the facility by tying a rope and lowering themselves. A senior police official said that the detention centre is estimated to be only for 50 inmates and does not have a facility to detain women. "Officials running the detention centre are helpless. If they are given a bigger facility, they will be happy to accommodate people. Due to shortage of space, we are forced to file FIR and send them to jail."

When the sky was a hazy shade of winter

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If there's one thing Bengalureans can crow about to people from other cities, it is the weather. At a time when cities across the globe are battling extreme heat waves, Bengaluru's weather resembles that of a hill station.

If we look at the statistics, the city's average temperature in the first nine days of August has been 25.9 degree Celsius while it was 27.4 degree Celsius for the 17 days. Tuesday turned out to be a sunny day though the maximum temperature was 26.1 degree Celsius, minimum of 19.8 degree Celsius with 2.2 mm of rainfall and 75 per cent relative humidity.

Met experts say Bengaluru's weather is likely to be cloudy for the next 48 hours with one or two spells of light to moderate rain. It will continue to be windy as surface winds are likely to be strong and gusty at times. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be in the range of 25 and 20 degree Celsius respectively.

Met department officials said after the last fortnight, the maximum temperature has not breached 31.5 degree Celsius. The last few days have been quite cold as the temperatures between August 4 to 8 has been hovering between 23.9 to 24.6.

A Met official said that the weather pattern was influenced by a number of active weather systems. "There is a well-marked low-pressure area over coastal areas of Odisha and Northwest Bay of Bengal. It is likely to move gradually west-northwestwards, maintain its intensity on Tuesday today and then weaken into a well-marked low-pressure area over Chhattisgarh and its neighbourhoods on Wednesday. An offshore trough now runs from Gujarat coast to Kerala coast at mean sea level."

August		July	
Date	Temp	Date	Temp
9	26.1	31	28.4
8	24.5	30	31.5
7	24.6	29	30.7
6	24.2	28	30.2
5	24.3	27	29.5
4	23.9	26	27.5
3	27.5	25	28.5
2	28.1	24	26.7
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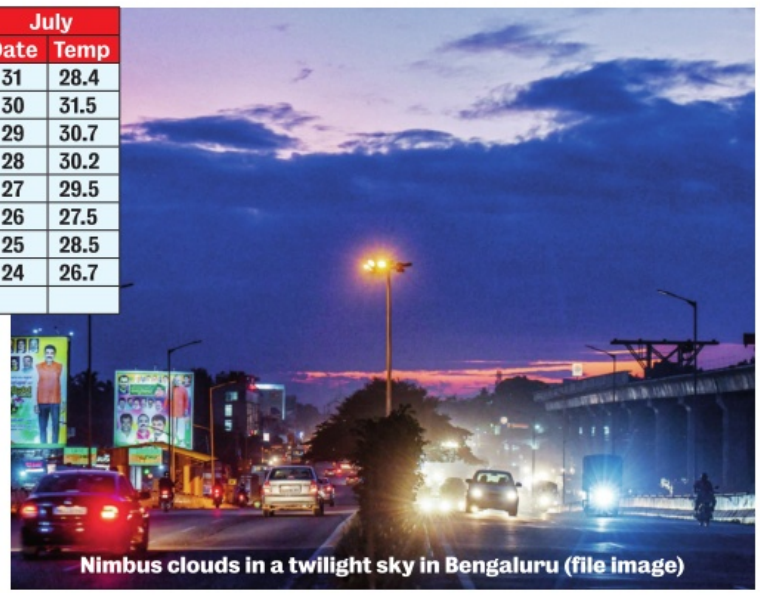
Sneezes and wheezes

While raincoats, umbrellas and sweaters are becoming a common feature in the city, many hospital OPDs seem to be filled with people suffering from flu-like symptoms.

A health expert said, "The weather is to be blamed and we are seeing many of them falling sick. Hence, it is important for everyone to take utmost precaution during the current weather."



Nimbus clouds in a twilight sky in Bengaluru (file image)

What's taking so long?

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People question Yelahanka flyover's construction pace; BBMP says 'all good'

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While the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) work on the Yelahanka flyover is in progress, its pace has irked residents and commuters in the area. Work on the much-awaited four-lane flyover began in January this year, but foundation work is still ongoing, leading to extended traffic woes.

The Detailed Project Report of the flyover had suggested that the work will be completed in 18 months starting January 2022, and the civic body had even announced that it was eying completion ahead of its original deadline.

"The work started in January and has rather been going on at a slow pace. Before the construction work, the signal hardly had a waiting time of two minutes even during peak hours. However, it now takes more than ten minutes on some days to cross the signal," said a regular commuter. Traffic snarls have become a common sight at the junction. Despite being time-consuming, commuters are left with no other option as the route is still the fastest and the 'prime access passage' to various offices located on the International Airport Road towards Hebbal.

In August, BBMP is still overseeing foundation work for the Yelahanka flyover, construction for which began in January this year

"My office is located on the International Airport Road, which is a couple of kilometres after crossing the junction. I have to drive through this junction or travel for an additional distance and time. The situation is equally difficult in the evenings. If the project is delayed, the situation will become precarious," said Rima Aggarwal, a computer engineer who commutes through the Yelahanka junction regularly.

Once completed, the flyover will link four traffic junctions: Yelahanka Police Station, Seshadripuram First Grade College Junction, NES Circle, and Sandeep Unnikrishnan Circle. Moreover, the 1.8 km stretch will give its users signal-free passage too.

According to BS Prahlad, Chief Engineer of BBMP Road Infrastructure Division, the project is still on track and the Palike is looking at completing it in record time.

"The foundation part of any construction is time-consuming and tricky. It is difficult for the commuters to see and understand that the effort that we put in at this stage. Moreover, we also needed to barricade a bigger area for this stage of work. Once the construction above the ground level begins, we will occupy less road space and the traffic situation will improve," said Prahlad.

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Officials maintain that they are looking at completing the project ahead of its DPR deadline.

"While we are trying to complete it within 12-14 months, certain elements are out of our control. This monsoon season, we are seeing incessant rain that started in May itself. However, we are still on track. There are 56 pile caps to be made for the flyover. Out of these, 10 have already been done. This month, we will finish six more pile caps. There is no question of delay," added Prahlad.

No roads lead to Bileshivale

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Bileshivale is a residential area situated almost 2 km away from Byrathi Cross in Kothanur. Living on muddy tracks, residents of the area have been asking authorities for a paved road for over two years.

Zainab Nissa, a resident of the area, said that there is no actual road despite several complaints about the same. "We have complained to the BBMP several times over the past two years, but no action has been taken. If any water enters the area, it gets very muddy and slippery. We aren't even able to walk," said Zainab.

During monsoons, the road reportedly becomes so sludgy that it is a danger for children and aged people to even walk there. "Almost 35-40 families live in this stretch and we have been suffering because of the poor condition of roads. Any citizen should get proper roads where they are able to walk or drive. Recently, when we complained to the BBMP, the official said that they cannot start work since it has been raining continuously for a week. Hopefully, they begin work once the rains subsides," a resident told BM.

The dismal condition of the area has also led to many people meeting with accidents, residents informed. "There have been several accidents due to the sludgy roads of late - especially involving two-wheelers. They skid, and riders end up injured. Bigger vehicles like buses and cars aren't even able to enter the area," said another resident.

Some residents informed that because of the roads, autos, cabs, and school buses do not come to the area, making it very difficult for them. Divakar Reddy, also a resident, told BM that people get injured frequently – a situation made worse by rain and official apathy. " Residents complain that although the situation has worsened due to rains, things are not too different when it is not monsoon. The narrow lane is also littered with construction debris and garbage in some areas.

The perpetually muddy road in Bileshivale is a safety hazard for residents in the area who often report getting injured

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Abandoned potholes

Mission Road

BBMP is yet to fix potholes on Mission Road.

Stop flexing

St John's Church Road

Illegal banners have been put up near St John's Church Road and other places.

Not a dustbin

Patel Muniyappa Layout

Garbage being dumped on vacant plots at 4th Cross, Patel Muniyappa Layout.

Stalker falls in police trap, gets caught in the act

Out on bail, man was trying to coerce woman to withdraw complaint she had filed against him for cheating her

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The police trapped a man who was accused of harassment by a 28-year-old woman IT employee and arrested him after catching him in the act. The woman had earlier filed a complaint of sexual harassment and assault against the man who was her boyfriend three years ago.

He is said to have promised her marriage and then cheated her of more than Rs 5 lakh, after which he broke up with her saying his parents were against their marriage. The woman had filed a complaint in April after which the accused Sharif had obtained anticipatory bail and began stalking her, trying to coerce her to withdraw her complaint.

The victim was friends with the accused and they were in a relationship for about three years. She lives with her only relatives in Bengaluru, her sister and her husband. In March this year, Sharif is said to have begun distancing himself from her after he had taken more than Rs 5 lakh from her promising to marry her. When the woman spoke about this to her sister and brother-in-law, she understood that the man did not intend to marry her. She then asked him to return her money after which he is said to have gone unresponsive. Around April 16, after she had approached the HSR Layout police station more than a dozen times, the police took up her complaint and registered a case against Sharif for cheating her.

The accused obtained anticipatory bail and is said to have started stalking the woman.

Though being tied up in the case cost the woman her job, she managed to get another job as a team lead. She had put a message on WhatsApp asking people to get in

touch with her for jobs. Sharif and his friends began contacting her as if they were looking for a job at her company.

On July 27, while she was at work, she got a call from a friend who wanted a job. She went down and saw that it was Sharif. "He dragged me and tried to misbehave with me near my office. He blackmailed me that he would post on the internet our pictures and videos," she said.

The woman approached the Bommanahalli police and filed a complaint on Saturday. The cops laid a trap for him asking her to call him about a job interview. Sharif showed up and started misbehaving with her. The cops intervened and took him into custody.

Sharif has been booked under non-bailable sections of the IPC for sexual harassment, outraging the modesty of women, assault, criminal intimidation, and intentional insult.

Public washrooms of their own

After efforts to build public loo succeed, PSI pushes for separate restrooms for transgenders

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This public toilet in Goreguntepalya was constructed by PSI Shantappa's efforts

With PSI Shantappa Jadammanavar's efforts to build a toilet in the busy areas of Goreguntepalya reaching fruition, he now wants the BBMP to construct a separate one for transgender people.

The toilet would be the last step of the four-month campaign which led to the installation of a mobile toilet. Now, BBMP is constructing a permanent toilet in the area. Shantappa's efforts began when he was unable to find a restroom for his aged mother.

Shantappa told BM, "Work for the permanent toilet is about to be completed. Nearly 90 per cent is done, but we also want to urge BBMP to install a separate toilet for the transgender community. Being harassed in both male and female washrooms, they are not able to use the facilities. Due to this, they refrain from using public toilets."

He noted that there are separate toilets for disabled people, but transgenders remain ignored.

"As an inclusive move, a toilet for the transgender community should be constructed. We also want to call noted folk dancer Padma Shri Manjamma Jogati to inaugurate the facility if this proposal comes to life," he added.

Transgenders and NGOs working with the community also highlighted the poor accessibility of public washrooms for them.

Rajesh Srinivas, Executive Director of NGO Sangama, said, "It's also a tricky thing to have a separate toilet only for transgender as it adds to further stigmatising. In an ideal scenario, we want to push for gender-neutral toilets, but it might take some time for society to be sensitised. Currently, they are discriminated against in both male and female public washrooms. In Delhi, they established an exclusive toilet for transgenders in 2021."

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Mini Mohan from Reach Lives NGO also added that transgenders do not feel welcome in a commercial mall, let alone public toilets.

"We had held a private screening for transgenders and mall security stopped them at the entrance itself. Even in public toilets, there are only two signs- male or female. Users of the facilities immediately object to them. There should be some provision to at least have a separate toilet for them as they don't have basic facilities that are taken for granted by average citizens," she said.

However, members of the transgender community feel that moving to have a separate toilet could be a regressive move.

"Transgender communities mentioned that if additional toilets cannot be made, their name should be added to female toilets. The move will allow them to access without fear," added Mohan.

Rakshita, a Board member of NGO Ondede working towards transgender rights, said that the situation has improved by 50 per cent.

"Five years ago, the situation was completely different. If a transgender walked into a female washroom, they would be immediately questioned. When I used to access the public toilet facility in Malleshwaram, I would be asked why I am entering the women's toilet and would be asked to use the men's toilet instead. Now, I work for an MNC company and gender-neutral washrooms make it so much easier," they said.

They added that the government should install at least one gender-neutral public washroom in the state.

IN BRIEF

Acid attack case: 770-page charge sheet submitted

Police have submitted a 770-page charge sheet to the court in connection with the Bengaluru acid attack case that took place three months ago.

The victim, a 23-year-old working woman, was still undergoing multiple surgeries at the hospital.

The incident took place on April 28. The attacker Nagesh, who was waiting in an auto near the workplace of the woman in Bengaluru's Sunkadakatte, had chased and poured acid on her.

The girl sustained 35 per cent burn injuries. The police said that the accused studied in the same school with the victim in SSLC (Class 10) and that he had attacked her because she had rejected his advances.

> **The victim, who rejected advances of the accused - a boy who went to the same school as her - sustained 35 per cent burn injuries**

The police have named 92 witnesses in the charge sheet submitted to the 13th Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court. The investigators have also submitted statements of two eyewitnesses taken under IPC Section 164.

After carrying out the attack, accused Nagesh had called his brother and explained about his action. The police, who obtained a call recording of this conversation, have confirmed with the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) that the voice is of the accused Nagesh.

The police have also submitted CCTV footage where Nagesh is seen one day before carrying out the acid attack near the office of the victim. — IANS

Couple in dock for cheating retired armyman in liquor biz

The HAL police have registered a case of cheating against a couple - proprietors of company for allegedly duping a 63-year-old retired lieutenant colonel of nearly Rs 12.5 lakh that he was supposed to earn as his returns and profits for the imported liquor business he entered into business partnership with the couple.

The retired lieutenant colonel Vickram Swaminathan, a resident of Hyderabad, told Bangalore Mirror that he had entered into a business partnership with the couple who are residents of Marathahalli. They were distributors of liquor from foreign countries and would supply to several outlets situated in different states of the country. Swaminathan had become a consignment partner or a super stockist who would import goods from Bulgaria and Jordan and stock it at the Mumbai's customs warehouse where Swaminathan would pay the customs duty and get the consignment released, which would get distributed by the company to other states. This was the first time Swaminathan was transacting in business with the couple since July 8 this year.

Soon after the consignment had arrived and after Swaminathan had cleared off the custom duties, the couple offered him two cheques of Rs 8 lakh and Rs 3 lakh and when Swaminathan presented the cheques, they bounced. When he tried to contact the couple, there was no response. He then came to Bengaluru and filed a complaint. **— Bellie Thomas**

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Of mammoth proportions

Gone too soon: 50% jumbo deaths are of young ones

Out of 79 dead in 2021, 13 were sub-adults, 17 juveniles and 9 newborns and calves

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The elephant mortality report by the Karnataka Forest Department shows that about 50 per cent of elephant deaths in 2021 were of young elephants – newborns, juveniles and sub-adults.

As per the official numbers, while 79 elephant deaths were recorded last year (between January 2021 and December 2021), 39 were young individuals. This included 13 sub-adults (5 to 15 years old), 17 juvenile elephants (1-5-years-old) and nine newborns and calves (less than one-year-old).

Experts say the young population getting affected is always a concern as it implies that the population will get into some kind of issue in the future. "Generally, newborns, juveniles and sub-adults form the cream of the population. These are the individuals that are going to be the next generation. One elephant generation is looked at in terms of five years. We need to understand if the juvenile and sub-adults died in the first generation of existence or the second generation of existence," said Avinash Krishnan, Director, science and conservation, A Rocha India.

The data also shows that over 60 per cent of the total deaths were male elephants. "In Karnataka, apart from Madikeri and Hassan, by and large, all the habitats are connected. If this is considered to be one source population of elephants, we are losing out on the first and second generations of elephants due to natural or unnatural deaths. Every elephant death is unique and the department should address these deaths on a case-by-case scenario," said a wildlife conservation expert.

The record also shows that 20% of the total death cases were due to unnatural causes including snaring, gunshot, electrocution and train accidents. "From the conservation standpoint, for a population to remain viable, the number of deaths due to unnatural causes has to be reduced and regulated. Unless there are five years of data it is difficult to come up with any kind of interpretation in," he added.

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> – Avinash Krishnan, A Rocha India

Post-mortem reports missing

In January this year, the forest department announced that data on wild animal mortality will be published on its website. Post that, although the department has created a separate section on its website to make the deaths public, details such as post-mortem reports are missing.

Experts say while the initiative by the department is commendable, more information should be available for the public to get a clear picture. "The initiative ensures transparency. Especially when a good chunk of the state's funds is being utilized to mitigate human-elephant conflicts, these numbers must be available in the public domain. However, this data is inconclusive without postmortem details, especially in the case of natural deaths. Natural death causes can throw light on what is going on inside a population and it is an important piece of information from the conservation standpoint," said Krishnan.

According to the principal chief conservator of forest (PCCF), Vijaykumar Gogi, the Information Technology and Communication wing of the department is responsible to make the details of wildlife deaths public within 24 hours of confirmation. "While this is a time-consuming process, the reports should be available within a month or two. We will look into it and publish the reports soon," said Gogi.

Fewer deaths this year

Only 11 cases of elephant mortality have been recorded by the department between January and May this year, registering a drop in death cases by over 62%. Last year, there were 26 elephant deaths recorded.

Elephant attacks claimed 52

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A 56-year-old woman was trampled to death by an elephant when she went to her farm in Channapatna taluk on Tuesday morning.

In the last three years, 52 people have died due to elephant attacks in the state. As per the statistics provided by the centre, 29 people died due to elephant attacks in 2019-20 and 23 in 2021.

To prevent wild animals from straying into nearby farms, the forest department has deployed more personnel. According to Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Cimate Change Ashwini Kumar Choubey, the information received from Karnataka, in addition to the permanent frontline

staff like forest gaurds, non-permanent watchers have been deployed at Anti-Depredation Camps (ADC).

"So far, five rapid response teams with 20 watchers and 21 anti-depredation camps with 84 watchers have been pressed into service. A total of 74 wild elephants have been captured and rehabilitated since 2000. In addition to the ongoing installation of barricades and solar fences, Karnataka has constructed a 9.50 km railway barricade and 14.0 km tentacle solar fence," he said.

Major reasons for elephant deaths

Karnataka has lost 29 elephants in the last three years. Electrocution seems to be the major cause of death for elephants in the State.

According to statistics, 26 elephants died of electrocution in the state. Railway crossing accidents was another prominent reason.A forest department official said, "There has been an increase in deaths of wild animals especially elephants due to electrocution. Most of the villagers, especially those who are staying closer to the forest, have been going for electrical fencing to keep wild animals at bay. However, when the animals come in contact with a live wire, they die on the spot."

> **"There has been an increase in deaths of wild animals especially elephants due to electrocution**
> – A forest department official

Poaching elephants for the smuggling of ivory is another big threat. There have been increasing cases of smuggling of ivory/tusk seizures. In the last three years, 90 such cases have been reported across the country. In a Lok Sabha reply, Union Minister Choubey said, "We are going for capacity building of frontline staff for investigation, forensics and successful prosecution of wildlife cases."

City kids to participate in International Chilren's Games

Seven children from Bengaluru will participate in the International Children's Games (ICG), a multisport competition exclusively for children aged 12 to 15 years of age.

The ICG is endorsed and organized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The games are organized every year in different countries and hosted by the hosting city 's mayor and governor inviting children from all over the world.

Bangalore Schools Sports Foundation has made the arrangements and has been taking the lead in fielding the Bangalore City teams to participate in the International Children Games for the last decade.

The BSSF Track & Field Academy has chosen talented athletes from across the city schools and athletic clubs to participate in the games scheduled to be held from August 11 to 16 in Coventry England.

Facing many hurdles with the ongoing challenges and the chaotic systems of visas, air tickets and other logistic concerns, the foundation has been determined to have the children athletes participate in the International Children's Games.

> **The BSSF Track & Field Academy has chosen athletes from city schools and athletic clubs to participate**

"Supporting this herculean task and vision in developing and promoting sports from the grass root level for children, parents, coaches, friends and well-wishers stepped in to support the foundation in raising financial assistance to have the Bangalore City delegation represent at the games," said Elvis Joseph, Founder Director of Bangalore Schools Sports Foundation.

Anshul Sai, Chandramouli Ramkumar, Deekshith Krishnamurthy, and Advika Aditya (Bangalore Sports Club) will be participating in the competition of high jump, 100 meters, 400 meters and 4x100 relay. Likhith Raj from Captains Track & Fields Club will be participating in 400 meters, long jump, 4x100 meters relay, and 4x100 meters mixed relay. Nikhil Veena Sanath from Arjun Track and Field Academy will participate in shot-put and 4x100 meters mixed relay. Anvi Vinay Salian from Youngsters Sports Club will be participating in 100 meters, long jump, and 4x100 meters mixed relay.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Chandramouli Ramkumar from Hebbal has said that he has been undergoing training for two months.

"My main event is the high jump. I am confident of my success in the event. I am excited to participate in International Children Games," said Chandramouli Ramkumar.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Kids who are selected for the games

BJP leaders rule out change of guard in K'taka; Congress calls Bommai 'puppet CM'

With speculation in some quarters about overhaul in Karnataka BJP, including replacement of the Chief Minister, once again coming to the fore, Opposition Congress on Tuesday took a dig at Basavaraj Bommai by calling him a "Puppet CM" even as some ruling party leaders ruled out the possibility of a leadership-change.

In recent times, there has been buzz on and off within the State BJP regarding some kind of an overhaul, particularly after the visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the State.

The principal Opposition party, claiming that the ruling party is on the backfoot following overwhelming response to Congress heavyweight Siddaramaiah's 75th birthday celebrations, said, "With no face" to go for polls the BJP is attempting to install a "puppet CM" in the seat of power.

"When the State is suffering, it is power-play for the BJP. Instead of providing relief to the people suffering from floods at a warfooting, the BJP in Karnataka is looking at installing its third Chief Minister. Whenever the State is in distress, the BJP begins its powergame," Karnataka Congress tweeted.

It looks like Bommai is "counting hours to leave the chair," the Congress said while questioning as to whether developments linked to speculations about CM-change was due to administrative failure, fight within the BJP or is it because of B S Yediyurappa's anger .

"Despite efforts, 'Keshava Krupa' (RSS State headquarters here) never accepted Bommai who is from the Janata Parivar as the Sangh Parivari... whether this attempt to change 'puppet CM' Bommai is to follow your tradition of having 3CMs?" asked the Congress. The party said that after Shah's visit to the State recently, there is an "overcast" in the State BJP and the "puppet show" seems to have come to an end.

These comments from the Congress came a day after former BJP MLA B Suresh Gowda indicated about some change, and said the high command would take a call on replacing the Chief Minister and other matters in the interest of the party and to win the elections in future.

Bommai, who took over from Yediyurappa as the Chief Minister, completed one year in office on July 28. The '3 CMs' reference by the Congress, in its tweets, is with regard to the earlier BJP government between 2008-2013, which saw three Chief Ministers -- Yediyurappa, D V Sadananada Gowda and Jagadish Shettar.

Meanwhile, hitting back at the Congress, Health Minister K Sudhakar said that the grand old party was dreaming about CM-change, and that the BJP government was stable under Bommai's leadership.

Taking a dig at Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar, he said the two leaders were "guarding the gates" of the Gandhi (Sonia Gandhi) family with a dream to become the Chief Minister.

Chief Minister's political secretary and MLA from Honnali MP Renukacharya said like Modi and Yediyurappa, Bommai is doing a good job, and there is no question of change. He said Congress, rattled by factionalism and infighting, was spreading false information. "Our immediate goal is to work for the people and help those affected by floods and rains." – PTI

In the colours of the Tricolour

Historical monuments in the State have been decked up on the occasion of 75th Independence Day programmes

Why Bengalureans want Model Tenancy Act adopted

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that Karnataka will be the first state to adopt the act, people are still waiting for the regulations one year later.

"My annual salary is 3 lakh. How can I pay Rs 1 lakh deposit? Any decent neighborhood in the city requires at least Rs 1 lakh in your bank to get a house. To pay that, you would need to either take financial help from your family or share the house. I ended up sharing my flat with three other people to split the amount. I do not think I will be able to rent a house on my own for at least five years," said Supriya Sharma, a working professional.

"My landlord told me that the reason they ask for so much money is that they invest a lot in the property, especially in case of new apartment buildings, and need to have a security amount," she added. Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are the only four states that have adopted the law until now.

In Bengaluru, on average, the monthly rent of a 2BHK apartment is anywhere between Rs 20,000 and 30,000. That makes Bengaluru one among the five most expensive cities in India to rent a house. As more and more people arrive in the city in search of livelihoods, many are unable to find an affordable home due to skyrocketing home rentals.

Chasing shadows in BBMP council

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supposed to be for uplifting and empowering them to be part of the decision making process — to proxy reservation for local male leaders.

"You have plenty of instances starting from CV Raman Nagar MLA S Raghu's wife Prathima Raghu when she was a corporator, Aruna Ravi from CV Raman Nagar ward and many more. The real purpose of this reservation will be fulfilled only when independent women candidates, and not proxy candidates/husbands, win elections and take decisions independently and be answerable themselves to the people," said Dasari.

Dasari challenged both BJP and Congress to field independent female candidates and not proxy candidates to fight the upcoming BBMP elections 'because each woman candidate of AAP is an achiever in her field, who is not only educated but is a real fighter for Namma Bengaluru'.

Social activists want political parties to give tickets to women aspirants who can take decisions and attend to civic issues on their own. "I wanted to contact a woman corporator from Kempegowda ward but her husband attended the phone call and insisted that I discuss my problem with him. He refused to connect the call to his wife," said HM Venkatesh, a social activist from Judicial Layout.

A resident from Jeevan Bhima Nagar told BM that he too had a similar experience. "I wanted to contact Veena Kumar but her husband attended the phone call. Women corporators should and must have freedom and time to redress public grievances," a resident said.

Congress had opposed the ward-wise reservation for women stating that it was prepared to benefit the ruling party (BJP). KPCC president DK Shivakumar said among 93 wards in assembly constituencies represented by Congress MLAs, 76 are reserved for women.

"You have to decide whether it is justice or injustice. We are not against reservation for women but the number should be equally distributed amongst all assembly constituencies," said Shivakumar.

Yelahanka assembly constituency, represented by a BJP MLA, has only two wards reserved for women. Byatarayanapura assembly constituency represented by Krishna Byregowda of the Congress, has six wards reserved for women among the 10 wards. Dasarahalli, represented by JD(S) MLA, has 10 wards reserved for women including SC and ST categories among the 13 wards.

Yeshwantpur (represented by BJP MLA) has three wards reserved for women among the seven wards. Raja Rajeshwari Nagar (BJP) has five wards for women among the 14 wards.

Mahalakshmi Layout (BJP) has five wards for women among the nine wards. Malleswaram (BJP) has one seat reserved for a woman among the seven wards. Hebbal (Congress) has four wards for women among the eight wards.

Pulikeshinagar (Congress) has six wards reserved for women among the seven wards. KR Puram (BJP) has only three wards reserved for women among 12 wards. Sarvagna Nagar (Congress) has six out of 10 wards reserved for women.

Mahadevapura (BJP) has only two wards reserved for women among the 13 wards.

CV Raman Nagar (BJP) four wards for women among the nine wards. Shivajinagar's (Congress) five wards are reserved for women among the six wards. In Gandhinagar (Congress), all the seven wards are reserved for women. Rajajinagar (BJP) has only two wards reserved for women among the seven wards. Govindaraja Nagar (BJP) has only three wards reserved for women among the 10 wards.

Vijayanagara (Congress) has five wards for women among nine wards. Chamarajpet's (Congress) five wards are reserved for women among six wards. In Chickpet (BJP), none of the wards are reserved for women among the seven wards.

Shanthinagar's (Congress) five wards are reserved for women among the seven wards. BTM Layout's (Congress) eight wards among the nine are reserved for women. Jayanagar's (Congress) five wards amongst six are reserved for women. Padmanabha Nagar (BJP) has four wards of 10 reserved for women.

Basavanagudi (BJP) has only two reserved for women among seven wards. Bengaluru South (BJP) has four wards, among 12, reserved for women. Bommanahalli (BJP) has nine wards reserved for women among the 13 wards.

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Don't be SAD

Do you ever feel anxious before meeting and interacting with new people, then you are not alone. Here are some ways to beat social anxiety

When meeting new people, speaking in front of a group, or taking an important test, most people feel nervous or uncomfortable. This is completely normal and usually disappears once the situation has passed. However, for some people, anxiety is more than just a passing feeling; it is chronic and can significantly interfere with daily life. This is known as Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD).

People with SAD frequently experience intense fear and anxiety in social situations, even when there is no obvious cause for this. They may be overly concerned with being judged or evaluated by others, and as a result, they may avoid social activities entirely. SAD can have a significant impact on work, school, and personal relationships in severe cases.

Social anxiety disorder can be a crippling condition that affects every aspect of a person's life. Intense fear, racing heart, sweating, and difficulty speaking are all symptoms. It is critical to establish a support network of family, friends, or professionals who can offer encouragement and understanding. It is also beneficial to engage in activities that push the individual's comfort zone regularly. This can aid in gradually expanding the individual's "comfort zone" and lowering overall anxiety. People with social anxiety can learn to cope with their condition and live fulfilling lives by taking these steps.

While there is no cure for SAD, many people find that therapy, medication, or a combination of the two can help them manage their symptoms and live a fulfilling life. If you believe you are suffering from SAD, seek help from a mental health professional.

Here are several things you can do on your own to help deal with social anxiety:

Challenge negative or unhelpful thoughts about yourself:
If you're constantly thinking negative things about yourself, it's no wonder that you feel anxious in social situations! Try to catch yourself when you're having these thoughts and reframe them in a more positive light.

Focus on the present moment

When you're feeling anxious, it's easy to get caught up in worrying about what could happen in the future or dwelling on past experiences. Instead, try to focus your attention on the here and now. Pay attention to your breathing and focus on the sensations you're experiencing in your body.

Expose yourself to social situations gradually

If the thought of being in a social situation is overwhelming, start small. Maybe begin by striking up a conversation with the cashier at the grocery store or saying hello to a neighbour. As you become more comfortable, you can gradually expose yourself to more challenging situations.

Engage in relaxing activities

Doing things that help you relax can be an effective way to reduce anxiety symptoms. Some people find that yoga, meditation, or deep breathing exercises help them feel calm and relaxed.

Make healthy lifestyle choices

Taking care of yourself physically can also help reduce social anxiety symptoms. Eating a balanced diet, getting regular exercise, and getting enough sleep are all important for managing anxiety.

Box Breathing

Box breathing is a powerful, yet simple, relaxation technique that aims to return breathing to its normal rhythm. It helps to clear the mind, relax the body, release stress, and improve focus. Inhale to the count of four, hold breath for four counts, exhale for four counts and hold the breath again for four counts. Do these for a couple of minutes as and when needed.

If you suffer from social anxiety, know that you are not alone. Many people have overcome this condition and are living happy, fulfilling lives. You, too, can do this with the right treatment and support.

—IANS

MIRRORLIGHTS

Unleash your creativity with restorative therapy

Restorative therapies promote people's entire welfare at the physical, mental, psychological, and creative levels by taking a holistic approach to their health.

Yoga and meditation are ideal illustrations of these restorative therapies. Those who practise yoga learn to connect with their body, mind, and soul, while those who practise meditation employ breath work to achieve supreme relaxation.

The most prized soft skill necessary for every type of professional needs creativity, productivity, and focus to not only meet the requirements but also thrive at the task at hand.

Although exhibiting your artistic prowess is tremendously satisfying, it is difficult to connect with this side of yourself. A healthy blend of silence and awareness leads to creativity. Because of our constant stream of distractions and preoccupations, being aware can be difficult state to achieve. Yoga and meditation are two of the most consistently effective approaches to entering this state.

How do restorative therapies help in fostering creativity?

Daily meditation and yoga practice retrain your body and mind to pass without judgement on situations. Then it lets go of all outside influences while remaining consciously in the present. As a result, it unifies all the transitory ideas, emotions, etc. and promotes serenity.

Harmony between the mind and body can be achieved by combining the ancient knowledge of yoga with laughing therapy, pranayama, and healthy Ayurvedic food practices. One of the simplest methods for getting in touch with our inner kid is laughter therapy. We are most creative when we are young because we allow ourselves to operate from a position of wonder without any unneeded judgement. Laughter therapy is a wonderful therapy that encourages our creative energy.

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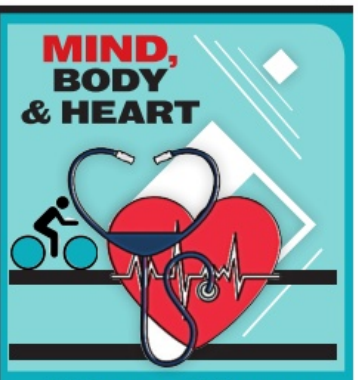

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a man in my 30s, married with an 18-month-old son. About a year ago, I made the decision to give up my job, which I hated, to look after our son, so my wife could focus on her career, which involves quite a lot of travel, some it overseas.
She was fully supportive of this idea and she earns more than I did, so it made sense.
However, I'm finding that I'm really envious of her job and her lifestyle and I'm starting to resent being at home.
I actually miss the working world and being among people, and I know I'm really miserable when my wife comes home and talks about what she's been up to and all her business trips.
I don't feel I can go back on it at the moment as she's away such a lot, so it's not as easy as just putting our son in nursery to enable me to start working again.
Also, we don't have family nearby to do nursery pick-ups or overnight stays.
Any ideas?

COLEEN SAYS

It's OK to change your mind and to miss working – it doesn't make you a bad person.
And I'm pretty sure your wife would understand these feelings, as she was obviously itching to get back to work herself.
So, I think it's a question of logistics for you guys or maybe a more gradual return to the workplace and a job that offers more flexibility.
How about freelance work or a part-time role, for example, which would still allow you to be there for your son.
But don't resent your wife for how you're feeling and make her feel bad about her choices – it was your idea to give up work and you should now come together to work out a solution that works for everyone. **—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror**

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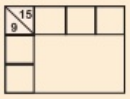
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

A student gets 450 marks out of 500 in an exam having subject Hindi, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English. For qualifying an exam of science his score should be 90% in 3 subjects Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. Probability to get his success in that exam will be.

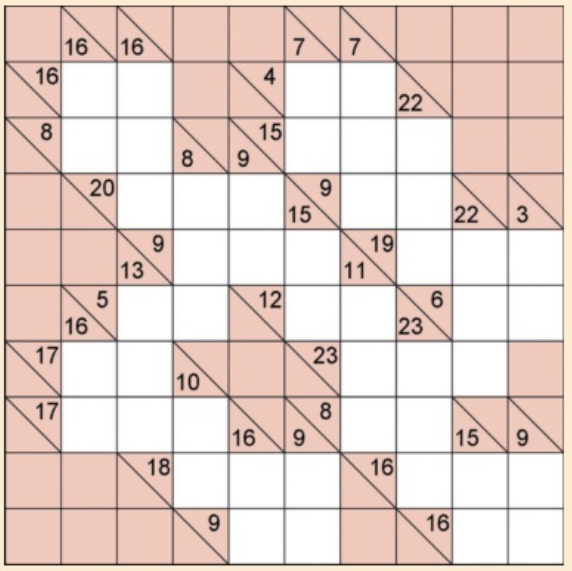
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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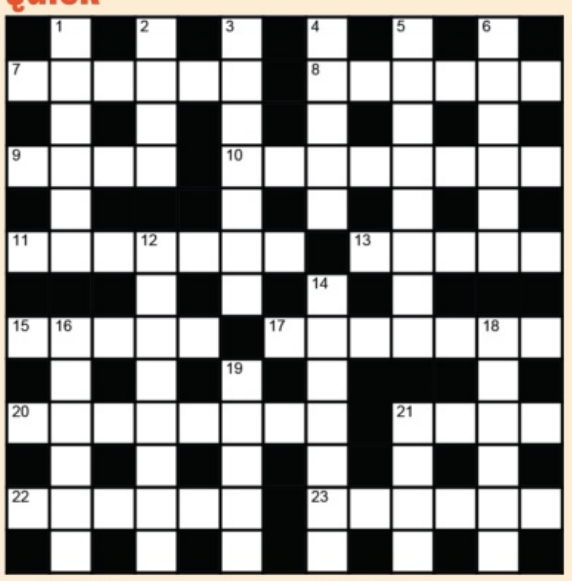


ACROSS

7 Merchant (6)
8 Galahad or Gawain, for two (6)
9 __ __ example : e.g.? (2,2)
10 Handle ___ ____ : sign on a fragile parcel? (4,4)
11 Competition (7)
13 Rash; impudent (5)
15 Roll of tobacco leaves (5)
17 Person living in seclusion (7)
20 Catch unawares (8)
21 Talk indiscreetly (4)
22 Bobbins (6)
23 Fully-grown elephant (6)

DOWN

1 Wall painting (6)
2 Chief Norse god (4)
3 Strength, might or ability (7)
4 Large flat fish (5)
5 Abdominal, deeply felt (8)
6 Errands or tasks (6)
12 Small kitchen measure (8)
14 Makes insane? (7)
16 Falls near Rajiv Gandhi National Park (6)
18 Abased or humiliated (6)
19 Slightly intoxicated (5)
21 One in charge (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS G

QHYQ UM QPR HVQ SD GHOULX H KSULQ AUQPSWQ GHOULX HL RLRGE.

Linemaro

Every minute away from you is wasted time

Mindchow

Love is often gentle, desire always a rage

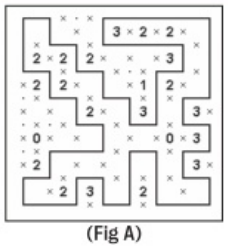
Joke of the day

Confucius Say Man who put head on rail road track to listen for train likely to end up with splitting headache

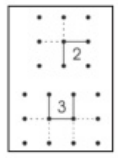
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

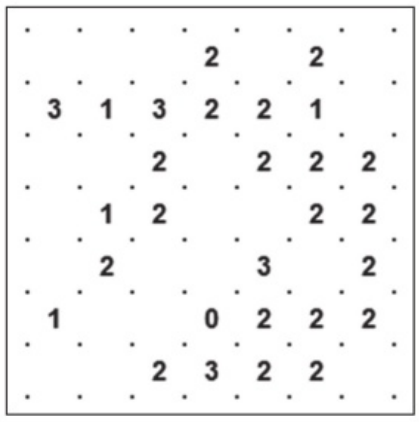


(Fig B) Not Allowed

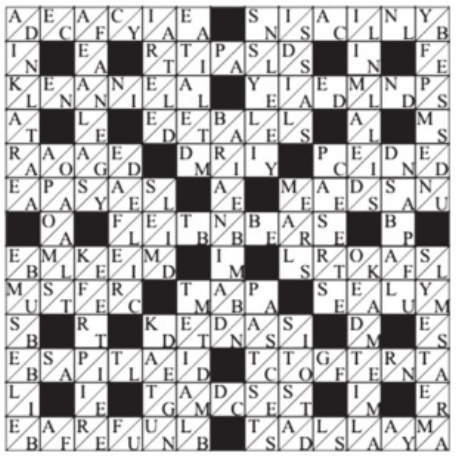
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



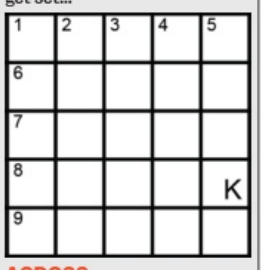
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

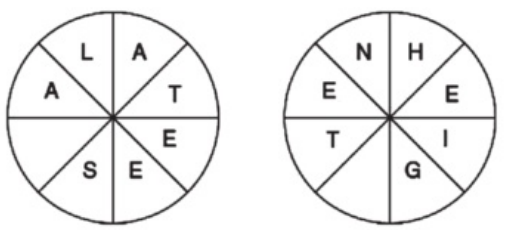
1 Sir BC; 6 Siren;
7 Oasis; 8 CK Hun;
9 Gees I

DOWN

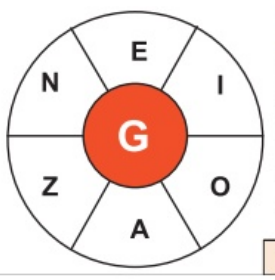
1 Or CCs; 2 Irish;
3 Is use; 4 Begin;
5 Skean

Mensapuzzle

Complete two eight-letter words, one in each circle, and both reading clockwise. The words are synonyms. You must find the starting points and provide the missing letters.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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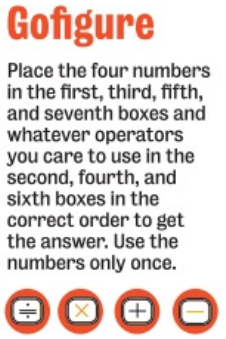
	3			6			8	
		8	1	4	7	3		
9	2						1	7
		5	9		8	6		
6	8						9	5
		9	4	1	3	2		
	7			2			6	
8								1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 10
3 4 4 7

Medium = 14
6 7 7 7

Hard = 20
4 8 8 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

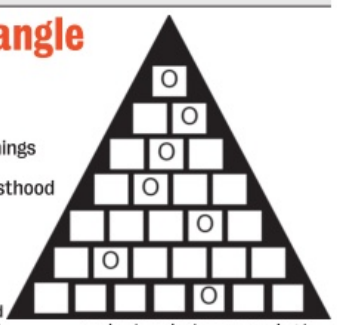
Differences: 1. Strap on golf bag is different. 2. Box is thicker. 3. Stair railing is different. 4. Door opening is wider. 5. Pocket on golf bag is moved. 6. Mouth is open.

Riddler

0+0-0+1-1+2-2+3-3+4-4+5-5+6-6+7-7+8-8+9-9+10-10+11-11+12-12+13-13+14-14+15-15+16-16+17-17+18-18+19-19+20-20+21+22-22+23-23+24-24+25-25+26-26+27-27+28-28+29-29+30-30+31-31+32-32+33-33+34-34+35-35+36-36+37-37+38-38+39-39+40-40+41-41+42-42+43-43+44-44+45-45+46-46+47-47+48-48+49-49+50-50=??

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number 8
2 Act
3 Atlantic fish
4 Cipher
5 Scheme of furnishings
6 Coerced
7 Depose from priesthood



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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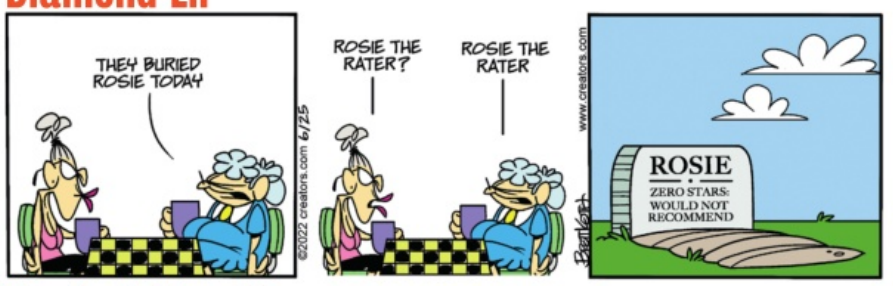

Hart of the city

LISTEN, GHOST HUNTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FUN. LIKE HALLOWEEN AND WATCHING SCARY MOVIES. YOU DON'T NEED PROOF TO BELIEVE IN IT.
I GUESS SO. I JUST LIKE ANSWERS.
AND I LIKE ASKING QUESTIONS! SO MAYBE WE CAN FIGURE IT ALL OUT TOGETHER.
THAT'S A VERY SWEET AND INSIGHTFUL THING TO SAY.
WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M A PERCEPTIVE GUY!
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Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today situations are under control. You are blessed by Jupiter and can expect to get some important position or post in the office. You may be inclined towards mythological facts. You might be lost in your thoughts. You will be confident in your way of working. You may also boost your overseas network.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel unhappy and dull. It may affect your way of working and there may be some delay in your projects. It could affect your prestige in professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventure tours and rash driving. Lovebirds may break up. Job seekers may be disappointed.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you will perform your best in the office. You may have a good bonding with your boss and get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured now. You may get good incentives for your work as well. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now. Job seekers may find work.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel healthy. You are likely to hear some good news from a close relative. You may perform well in the office, and colleagues may help you with a critical project. You may develop faith in your subordinate staff. It may increase your prestige among society. You may also hear good news in legal matters.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are likely to be busy with your children's education and career. Expect good news along those lines. Lovebirds are advised to keep patience in terms of their relationship. Investors are advised to avoid investing in risky assets as they might convert to losses. Meditation can help you keep calm.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be a victim of dissatisfaction. You might not get results for your hard work, which could lead to disappointment. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a contract or paper. Investment in assets may be possible. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets. Overwork may affect your domestic life.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be busy with social get-togethers and family occasions. It may increase your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip. Disputes between siblings or friends may be resolved now. Your colleagues may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project. You are likely to complete all your tasks with confidence. You are advised to keep patience while interacting with others.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may implement some new plans into your family business. It will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. You may also be busy with family or social get-togethers. You may spend money on creative items or artefacts to renovate your house. Be careful with teeth, ears, eyes, nose, and skin issues.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Happiness may be around you and can help you enjoy your daily work. Your vital power may help you make tough decisions, which will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan for a work-related conversation. Colleagues may help you complete your work on time. Students may find more focus in their studies. Control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel dull. Sleeplessness can affect your mental and physical health. You may also be upset due to health issues of a family member. Your expenditure on worthless stuff may affect your savings. You may be a victim of conspiracy, so you are advised to keep an eye on your opponents.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today your past investments may bring good profits. You may get good results after an easy task. Your obstacles could end for now. Your financial status may be improved and new sources of income may be there. Couples may hear good news in terms of children. You may get success easily after a little effort.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are likely to meet someone with the help of whom you can expect positive growth in your business. Your destiny may help you, and your losses may now convert to profits. Financial health may be on track now. Lovebirds can make some important decisions in terms of marriage. Singles may find their soulmate .

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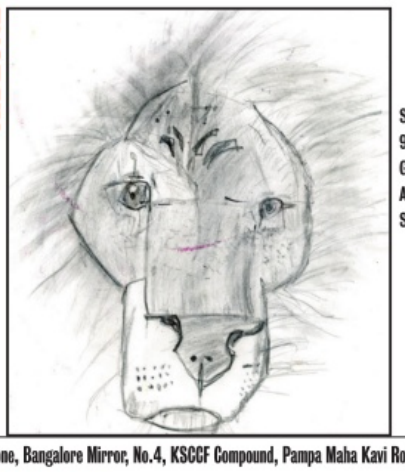

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Number of combinations for Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics are (5*4*3*2*1)/(3*2*1*2*1) = 10
Out of 10 combinations non-qualifying combination are (82,85,93), (82,85,94), (82,85,96) and (82,93,94)
So possibility to get his success = 6/10 =3/5

BULL'S EYE
AGONIZE, gain, gaze, gone

FAST FIVE

S	I	E	G	E
C	H	U	N	K
O	S	S	I	A
R	I	S	E	N
C	R	I	B	S

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
ESCALATE, HEIGHTEN;

RIDDLER
21 if you read carefully you would notice there is no -21.

QUOTE UNCODE
Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.

SUDOKU

8	4	2	7	9	6	5	3	1
3	7	1	8	2	5	9	6	4
5	6	9	4	1	3	2	7	8
6	8	7	2	3	1	4	9	5
4	1	5	9	7	8	6	2	3
9	2	3	6	5	4	8	1	7
2	9	8	1	4	7	3	5	6
7	3	4	5	6	2	1	8	9
1	5	6	3	8	9	7	4	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
0 , Do, Cod, Code, Decor, Forced, Defrock.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 3 – 4 + 4 = 10
Medium
7 / 7 + 6 + 7 = 14
Hard
8 + 4 – 8 x 5 = 20

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Anne Heche still in coma after car crash
Hollywood actress Anne Heche remained hospitalised in critical condition, comatose and connected to a breathing machine on Monday, four days after a fiery Los Angeles car crash, a spokesperson said.

We fly economy class

Actor Vijay Deverakonda is all set to make his Bollywood debut with 'Liger'. He will be seen sharing the screen with Ananya Panday. The duo is currently busy promoting the film ahead of its release and their fans just can't stop gushing. Recently, Vijay and Ananya won hearts after a clip of them travelling in a plane went viral on the internet.

Producer Charmme Kaur took to Instagram and shared their video. In the video, both the actors are seen sitting next to each other in a flight. They ditched the business class and opted to travel in economy class with their team members and other guests.

Charmme shared the video and wrote, "Producers's actor and people's hero our LIGER @ thedeverakonda no one like u N our rocking beauty @ ananyapanday .. appreciation post for my lovelies."

The video has left Vijay's fans pretty impressed. The actor has won everyone's heart with his simplicity. Earlier, during the trailer launch event, he grabbed everyone's attention by sporting slippers worth Rs 199.

Liger is slated to release on August 25. It also stars Ramya Krishnan, Ronit Roy and Mike Tyson. The film will be released in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.

Let her be the judge of that

Tamannaah is a judge at Bollywood dance contest in Melbourne's Indian film fest

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia, a classically trained dancer whose dancing skills are well known, will be one of the judges at the Bollywood dance competition that is to take place as part of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM). Dancers from Fiji, Australia and New Zealand among others will be taking part in this competition, which the IFFM has been organising over the years. The idea of it was born after seeing the fondness for Bollywood dance across the globe. The organisers have been getting registrations from across the globe for this competition.

The actor will be joined by the present Miss Australia, Miss Kristen Wright, in co-judging the competition. "I have been a dancer all my life. Bollywood dance is something that I grew up with and our movie industry shows such a versatile culture it is even reflected in our dance choreographies. We all know Bollywood has a fan following beyond India. And what makes this competition so special is people from across the globe are coming to take part in this competition," says Tamannaah. She also adds, "I am really thankful to IFFM for giving me this opportunity to be part of this competition.

"The 13th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2022 programme was officially launched by festival director Mitu Bhowmick Lange at the Indian Consulate of Melbourne. Mitu says, "Indian movies have always had a huge fan following in Australia. The country is a powerhouse of talent and has given some of the most extremely talented artists in the world. Bollywood music and dance is an independent genre in itself and people are just waiting for a platform to express their talent and are providing that platform. And this time, we have got Tamannaah to judge the competition and she is a part of Bollywood and Southern India film industries. She has a huge following. It will be a treat for her fans to see her in person."

IFFM will be taking place, physically and virtually, from August 12-20, 2022. After the pandemic, this is the first time it has come with its physical event. It is one of the biggest Indian film festivals outside of India and is also the only Indian film festival backed by the Australian government.

Sam's hit number rings at Florida cricket stadium

It's been almost eight months since Samantha Ruth Prabhu's dance number 'Oo Antava' from the film 'Pusha: The Rise' created waves, the track was played at a cricket stadium in Florida. In a recent clip shared by fans, features the attendees of India vs. West Indies fifth T20I match in Florida can be seen grooving to the Telugu track.

This song broke multiple records worldwide as it launched and everyone was left awestruck seeing The Family Man's Raji in such a hot sensual avatar. As per recent consecutive reports by Ormax, the actress has topped the last 3 featuring the Most Popular Female Star across India.

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